# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
# LOK SABHA

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TASK FORCE ON FERTILIZER FEED STOCK POLICY
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have constituted a Task Force to have a relook at the Fertilizer Feed Stock Policy to achieve the foodgrain target;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the composition and terms and references thereof; and

(d) the time by which the Task Force will complete its assigned work?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) & (b): Government have constituted a Task Force on 7th March 2000 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Fertilizers consisting of the representatives of Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Power, Fertilizer Association of India, Council of Scientifc and Industrial Research, Projects & Development India Ltd. etc. to explore the possibility of coal based technology for fertilizer sector.

(c): The terms of reference of the Task Force include exploring the possibility of using coal and coal bed methane for use in fertilizer sector, formulation of policy and action plan for development of coal based capacity addition and to examine the incentives required for development of R&D and possibility of creating a fund for financing R&D activities of coal based technology.

(d): The Task Force has been asked to submit its report by 31st August 2000.